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- ☐ 1. Between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. on 16 and 17 June 1953, about 36 jet bombers repeatedly practiced formation flying over the field. The planes remained aloft for about 2 hours. According to Soviets, these flights were designed to intimidate the local population. No air activity was observed at the field on 18 and 19 June. All civilian workers employed at the field were not permitted to enter the field area up to 23 June. During that period, motor vehicles, tank trucks and equipment were loaded at Brand railroad station. Every day at about 10 a.m. between 24 and 27 June, 9 jet bombers departed in formation. Source did not observe the planes returning to the field. Source learned from Soviet Air Force personnel that the units were allegedly to be employed in Poland. About 28 June, additional loading operations were under way which particularly included ground personnel. After the departure of these personnel, the field was occupied only by a guard detail of 1 NCO and 5 EM, who also left on 2 July. Prior to 9 July, only six AA guns with the operating personnel were stationed at the field.

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- ☐ 2. A tailor who worked for Soviet officers was urged by the officers from Brand airfield in mid-June 1953 to complete all orders in short time. The tailor had the impression that the officers who left about 22 June were transferred to a remote place.

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- ☐ 3. The previously reported rail shipments from Brand airfield also included disassembled barracks sections and lighting facilities in addition to the motor vehicles and equipment. In late June, 11 trains proceeded toward Brest Litovsk.

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☐ Comment. Brand airfield was previously occupied by two bomber regiments which, like the other bomber regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army, were transferred to an unknown place in the USSR in late June 1953.

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